

A couple of comments here. First, us subscribers pay a fee for satellite radio which means we should be able to have services and programs available to us that are different and unique than compared to free over the air broadcasts. The government in my opinion has no right to restrict the efforts or programming that XM decides to broadcast, whether it is traffic and weather or music or anything else for that matter. The subscribers pay a fee thus they should get quality programming as a result. If the government follows their train of thought then shouldn't they be looking to restrict CNN, The Weather Channel and similar news agencies available to cable and satellite TV subscribers? I think not. If nothing else, the availability of such services and programming on XM radio should be a wake up call to the public broadcasting industry to improve their own programming available to the general public. Lastly, anybody can go buy a weather radio which is compatible with the NOAA broadcast. The NOAA actually offers the best in weather and emergency broadcasting that you will find anywhere in this country. If people knew more about this free service from the government they would certainly be willing to buy an inexpensive radio that will accept the NOAA signal. Not only do they provide real-time weather updates they also have an early warning system that will alert the listener to anything that needs immediate attention such as storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding and any other type of natural disaster. Plus they provide warnings about other types of non-natural emergencies such as chemical spills and nuclear emergencies. If the NAB is looking to restrict XM radio concerning weather and traffic programming then maybe they should look at the government agency of the NOAA instead.